

6. INDRA, the showerer (of benefits) exhilarated by the effiised juices, uplifting (his thunderbolt), has slain him enjoying the dews of the firmament, sleeping (amidst the waters), and thriving in sunless darkness.

7. When. INDRA raised his powerful irresistible weapon against the mighty *Danava*, when he struck him with the blow of the thunderbolt, he made him the lowest of all creatures.

8. The fierce INDRA seized upon him, that vast moving (VRITRA), when slumbering, (after) having drunk the *Soma*, subduing (his foes), and enveloping (the world), and then slew him with his great weapon in battle, footless, measureless, speechless.<sup>1</sup>

9. Who may resist the withering might of that INDRA : he, single and irresistible, carries off the riches (of the enemy): these two divine (beings, heaven and earth), proceed swiftly through fear of the strength of the quick-moving INDRA.

9. The divine, self-sustaining (heaven) comes to him; the moving (earth), like a loving (wife), re-signs herself to INDRA : when he shares all his vigour with these (his people), then, in due succession, men offer reverence to the potent INDRA.

10. Verily I hear of thee as chief amongst men, the protector of the good, friendly to the five classes of beings, the begotten,\*the renowned; may my (progeny), representing (their wishes), and uttering his praises night and day, propitiate the glorified INDRA.

11. I hear of thee influencing (creatures) according

<sup>1</sup> *Apddam amatram mridkravdcham*: here

*anmtram* is **said**  
to signify *amatram*, *aimrimananiy* without  
measure, or, perhaps,  
bulk.